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[redacted] sent a KVP colonel and chief of the Procurement Department [redacted] Armaments Ministry. [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Colonel Plueschke, at present of the Department for [redacted] at the Interior Ministry, is scheduled to function as [redacted] deputy. Wollweber is scheduled to become Minister of [redacted]. He controls the SSD, the border police and the [redacted] Einheiten". The exact designation for the [redacted] has not yet been settled. Maron may become the new Minister of the Interior. KVP General Hoffmann is scheduled to head the Ministry of National Defense. In this capacity, he will [redacted] VP and the air and naval forces in East Germany. [redacted] [redacted] head the group of ministries into which his [redacted] will be split. The reorganization is scheduled to be completed by late 1955.

Field Comment. The present report reflects ideas concerning the reorganization of the present East German Ministry of the Interior in the event of an establishment of an independent Ministry of National Defense. It appears doubtful, however, that the reorganization of this important government agency will be carried out in the form mentioned. It is more probable that the Ministry of the Interior will be split into two ministries, namely the Ministry of the Interior including a State Secretariat for State Security, and a Ministry of National Defense.

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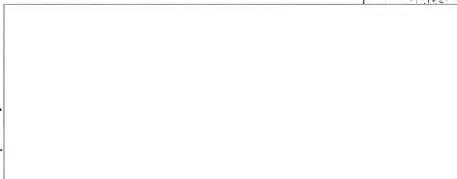
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of the Planning and Finance Department at the Ministry of the Interior; Lieutenant Colonel Plueschke is known to be chief of the Planning and Procurement Department of this ministry. It is believed that the plans for the reorganization of the Ministry of Interior are still in a state of flux, especially as the establishment of an East German Ministry of National Defense will require the approval of the Soviets.



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- On 1 June 1955, a conference was held at the GDR Ministry of the Interior on the planned reorganization of this ministry. In this connection, Interior Minister Stoph declared that it was planned to split up the present Ministry of Interior into a number of ministries including an Armaments Ministry, a Ministry for State Security, a Ministry of the Interior, and a Ministry of National Defense. 25X1
- Koppatsch, at present a KVP colonel and chief of the Procurement Department at the Ministry of the Interior, was to head the new armaments ministry. During the period of transition, this new ministry was to be called "Ruestungsamt" (Armament Office). Lieutenant Colonel Plueschke, at present of the Department for Light Industry at the Interior Ministry, is scheduled to function as Koppatsch's deputy. Wollweber is scheduled to become Minister of State Security. He controls the SSD, the border police and the so-called "Innere Einheiten". The exact designation for the Ministry of the Interior has not yet been settled. Maron may become the new Minister of the Interior. KVP General Hoffmann is scheduled to head the Ministry of National Defense. In this capacity, he will control the KVP and the air and naval forces in East Germany. Stoph will head the group of ministries into which his ministry will be split. The reorganization is scheduled to be completed by late 1955.

Comment. The present report reflects ideas concerning the reorganization of the present East German Ministry of the Interior in the event of an establishment of an independent Ministry of National Defense. It appears doubtful, however, that the reorganization of this important government agency will be carried out in the form mentioned. It is more probable that the Ministry of the Interior will be split into two ministries, namely the Ministry of the Interior including a State Secretariat for State Security, and a Ministry of National Defense. This assumption is supported by the fact that Stoph has in the meantime resigned from his office and has been replaced by Maron. Colonel Koppatsch is known to be the chief

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